

# COMMITTEE REPORT

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## APPLICATION DETAILS

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<b>APPLICATION NO:</b>	DM/17/03975/FPA
<b>FULL APPLICATION DESCRIPTION:</b>	12 Dwellings
<b>NAME OF APPLICANT:</b>	County Durham Housing Group
<b>ADDRESS:</b>	Land at Matterdale Road, Peterlee
<b>ELECTORAL DIVISION:</b>	Peterlee East
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## DESCRIPTION OF THE SITE AND PROPOSALS

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### Site:

1. This application site is located within the settlement boundary of Peterlee within the Peterlee East Electoral Division. It is surrounded on all sides by residential development and was previously a residential site itself until it was cleared around 30 years ago, it is now informal open green space.
2. The site is less than half a mile away from Peterlee town centre and is close to community facilities including health and educational facilities, public transport links and retail units.

### Proposal:

3. This application proposes a residential development of 12 affordable residential units along with associated infrastructure. All dwellings would be 3 bedroomed and would be two storeys in height with tiled pitched roofs along with front and rear gardens. The dwellings would be located along Matterdale Road along the northern boundary facing gables of the existing houses opposite. The proposed units are set back from the existing road kerb to provide a 3.0m wide public footpath and 2 tandem car parking spaces per plot.
4. The 12 houses would be constructed in semi-detached or small terraces and would step down 5.5m overall following the existing topography with maximum 600mm increments. The proposed houses are designed to be contemporary relating to the existing houses with double pitch tiled roofs, rendered mono-pitch gables to the front elevation and brick/render external walls. Landscaping would be incorporated within the green open space retained to the south and west of the proposed units. Front gardens would be enclosed by painted metal railings, with dwarf masonry retaining walls between adjacent plots. 6 no. visitors' parking spaces are provided along the eastern boundary adjacent to the existing turning head. Informal parallel residents' parking would be provided for existing residents, along the northern side of Matterdale Road.

5. This application is being reported to committee as it is classed as a major application.

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## **PLANNING HISTORY**

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6. None relevant

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## **PLANNING POLICY**

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### **NATIONAL POLICY**

7. The Government has consolidated all planning policy statements, guidance notes and many circulars into a single policy statement, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), although the majority of supporting Annexes to the planning policy statements are retained. The overriding message is that new development that is sustainable should go ahead without delay. It defines the role of planning in achieving sustainable development under three topic headings – economic, social and environmental, each mutually dependant.
8. The presumption in favour of sustainable development set out in the NPPF requires local planning authorities to approach development management decisions positively, utilising twelve 'core planning principles'.
9. In accordance with paragraph 215 of the National Planning Policy Framework, the weight to be attached to relevant saved local plan policy will depend upon the degree of consistency with the NPPF. The greater the consistency, the greater the weight. The relevance of this issue is discussed, where appropriate, in the assessment section of the report below.

The following elements of the NPPF are considered relevant to this proposal;

10. *Part 1* - The Government is committed to securing economic growth in order to create jobs and prosperity, building on the country's inherent strengths, and to meeting the twin challenges of global competition and of a low carbon future.
11. *Part 4* - Transport policies have an important role to play in facilitating sustainable development but also in contributing to wider sustainability and health objectives. Smarter use of technologies can reduce the need to travel. The transport system needs to be balanced in favour of sustainable transport modes, giving people a real choice about how they travel. However, the Government recognises that different policies and measures will be required in different communities and opportunities to maximise sustainable transport solutions will vary from urban to rural areas.
12. *Part 6* - To boost significantly the supply of housing, applications should be considered in the context of the presumption in favour of sustainable development.
13. *Part 7* - The Government attaches great importance to the design of the built environment, with good design a key aspect of sustainable development, indivisible from good planning.
14. *Part 8* - The planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Developments should be safe and accessible, Local Planning Authorities should plan positively for the provision and use of shared space and community facilities. An integrated approach to considering the location of housing, economic uses and services should be adopted.

15. *Part 10* - Planning plays a key role in helping shape places to secure radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimising vulnerability and providing resilience to the impacts of climate change, and supporting the delivery of renewable and low carbon energy and *associated* infrastructure. This is central to the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.

16. *Part 11* - The planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, geological conservation interests and soils; recognising the wider benefits of ecosystem services; minimising impacts on biodiversity and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible, contributing to the Government's commitment to halt the overall decline in biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures; preventing both new and existing development from contributing to or being put at unacceptable risk from, or being adversely affected by unacceptable levels of soil, air, water or noise pollution or land instability; and remediating and mitigating despoiled, degraded, derelict, contaminated and unstable land, where appropriate.

## **LOCAL PLAN POLICY:**

### District of Easington Local Plan

17. *Policy 1* - Due regard will be had to the development plan when determining planning applications. Account will be taken as to whether the proposed development accords with sustainable development principles while benefiting the community and local economy. The location, design and layout will also need to accord with saved policies 3, 7, 14-18, 22 and 35-38.

18. *Policy 3* - Development limits are defined on the proposal and the inset maps. Development outside 'settlement limits' will be regarded as development within the countryside. Such development will therefore not be approved unless allowed by other policies.

19. *Policy 18* - Development which adversely affects a protected species or its habitat will only be approved where the reasons for development outweigh the value of the species or its habitat.

20. *Policy 35* - The design and layout of development should consider energy conservation and efficient use of energy, reflect the scale and character of adjacent buildings, provide adequate open space and have no serious adverse effect on the amenity of neighbouring residents or occupiers.

21. *Policy 36* - The design and layout of development should ensure good access and encourage alternative means of travel to the private car.

22. *Policy 37* - The design and layout of development should seek to minimise the level of parking provision (other than for cyclists and disabled people).

23. *Policy 66* - Developers will be required to make adequate provision for children's play space and outdoor recreation in relation to housing development of 10 or more dwellings. Provision may be secured elsewhere if it is inappropriate to make provision at the development site.

24. *Policy 67* - Housing development will be approved on previously developed land within settlement boundaries of established towns or villages provided the proposal is of appropriate scale and character and does not conflict with other policies in the plan.

## **RELEVANT EMERGING POLICY:**

### The County Durham Plan

25. Paragraph 216 of the NPPF says that decision-takers may give weight to relevant policies in emerging plans according to: the stage of the emerging plan; the extent to which there are unresolved objections to relevant policies; and, the degree of consistency of the policies in the emerging plan to the policies in the NPPF. The County Durham Plan (CDP) was submitted for Examination in Public and a stage 1 Examination concluded. An Interim Report was issued by an Inspector dated 18 February 2015, however that Report was quashed by the High Court following a successful Judicial Review challenge by the Council. In accordance with the High Court Order, the Council has withdrawn the CDP and a new plan being prepared. In the light of this, policies of the CDP can no longer carry any weight. As the new plan progresses through the stages of preparation it will begin to accrue weight.

*The above represents a summary of those policies considered most relevant in the Development Plan the full text, criteria, and justifications of each may be accessed at <http://www.cartoplus.co.uk/durham/text/00cont.htm>.*

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## **CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY RESPONSES**

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### **STATUTORY RESPONSES:**

26. None received.

### **INTERNAL CONSULTEE RESPONSES:**

27. Highways officers have received amended plans with relation to visitor parking and footpath widths and now have no objections to the proposals.

28. Tree officers have noted only one tree will be lost to the development. No objections are raised subject to tree protection being in place during construction.

29. Education officers confirm that there are sufficient primary and secondary school places in the area to accommodate the development.

30. Pollution Control do not object subject to a contaminated land condition.

31. Landscape officers have no objections.

32. Drainage officers have no objections subject to compliance with the submitted drainage scheme.

33. Ecology officers do not object subject to appropriate mitigation given that the proposal is in close proximity to EU protected sites on the coast.

### **PUBLIC RESPONSES:**

34. Northumbrian Water have no objections subject to a condition requiring details of foul and surface water drainage.

35. No letters have been received from nearby occupiers.

## APPLICANTS STATEMENT:

36. The application provides 12 number three bedroom five person houses for affordable tenure (Rent to Buy) on previously developed land at Matterdale Road, Peterlee. The site is well located and in close proximity to local shops and amenities including Peterlee Town Centre which is around 0.5 miles from the site.
37. The site layout has been carefully designed with all 12 units facing on to Matterdale Road which enables open space to be retained south of the site; minimising the impact on surrounding residents. Two tandem parking spaces are provided for each new dwelling in addition to six visitor parking spaces east of the site.
38. Demand for affordable housing in Peterlee is very strong, including existing three bed-properties owned by County Durham Housing Group in the area. The town is one of the most popular areas for housing across the group's whole operating area and the proposed 12 new homes at Matterdale Road are anticipated to be highly sought after.
39. The Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2016) indicates that 25% of people interested in affordable housing in County Durham are interested in intermediate tenures like Rent to Buy. As this product is aimed at those residents who ultimately aspire to purchase their own home, it is also important to consider private sector demand where 31.8% of those households moving in the county would like to move to a 3 bedroom house and 40.8% expect to move to a 3 bedroom house, further strengthening the case for additional 3 bed properties. The proposed new homes under this scheme will help meet this demonstrated demand and provide high-quality new properties in the area.

*The above represents a summary of the comments received on this application. The full written text is available for inspection on the application file which can be viewed at <http://82.113.161.89/WAM/showCaseFile.do?action=show&appType=planning&appNumber=10/00955/FPA>*

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## PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS AND ASSESSMENT

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40. Having regard to the requirements of Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 the relevant Development Plan policies, relevant guidance and all other material planning considerations, including representations received, it is considered that the main planning issues in this instance relate to the principle of development, the impact upon surrounding occupiers and character and appearance of the area, highways issues and Section 106 contributions.

### Principle of the development

41. This application proposes a residential development of 12 houses on the site of a former residential development which has been vacant for some time and is currently informal open space. The site lies within the built up area of Peterlee and is less than half a mile from the main town centre which has numerous community facilities and public transport links. Planning law requires that applications for planning permission must be determined in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. The NPPF is a material planning consideration. The District of Easington Local Plan (DLP) remains the statutory development plan and the starting point for determining applications as set out at Paragraph 12 of the NPPF. However, the NPPF advises at Paragraph 215 that to the weight to be afforded to Local Plan policy will depend upon the degree to which the policy is consistent with the NPPF.

42. The DLP was adopted in December 2001 and was intended to cover a five year period. However, NPPF Paragraph 211 advises that Local Plan policies should not be considered out-of-date simply because they were adopted prior to the publication of the NPPF. Notwithstanding this, it is considered that a policy can be out-of-date if it is based upon evidence which is not up-to-date/is time expired depending on the circumstances. This application proposes a scheme of 12 dwellings within the settlement boundary of Peterlee as defined in the District of Easington Local Plan and is on a former housing site which is now informal open space. In planning terms the development of the site for housing would not be in conflict with Saved Policy 3 of the Local Plan. However, policy 3 is considered to be out of date and therefore the application must be considered in the context of paragraph 14 of the NPPF. Whilst weight can still be afforded to this policy, the weight must be accordingly reduced. This will be discussed in more detail later in this report.
43. Saved Policy 35 requires the design and layout of new development to reflect the scale and character of adjacent buildings and the area generally, particularly in terms of site coverage, height, roof style, detailed design and materials. Schemes should provide adequate open space, appropriate landscape features and screening (where required) and development should have no serious adverse impact on the amenity of people living and working in the vicinity of the development site and the existing use of adjacent land or buildings in terms of privacy, visual intrusion, noise, other pollutants and traffic generation.
44. Saved Policy 36 requires the design and layout of development to provide safe, attractive and convenient footpath and cycleway links between the housing and shopping facilities, schools, public transport facilities, leisure facilities and places of employment where appropriate.
45. Saved policy 66 requires developers to provide adequate provision for children's play space and outdoor recreation open space in relation to new housing developments of 10 or more dwellings
46. Saved policy 67 Housing development will be approved on previously developed land within settlement boundaries of established towns or villages provided the proposal is of appropriate scale and character and does not conflict with other policies in the plan.
47. Subject to matters of access and layout discussed below, the site has scope to accord with the detailed requirements of saved policy 35 related to design, saved policy 36 relating to access and means of travel, the objectives of saved policy 66 relating to the adequate provision of recreational open space and saved policy 67 relating the re-use of brownfield land.

### **The NPPF**

48. Paragraph 14 of the NPPF establishes a presumption in favour of sustainable development. For decision taking this means (unless material considerations indicate otherwise): approving development proposals that accord with the development plan without delay; and- where the development plan is absent, silent or relevant policies are out-of-date, granting permission unless:
- i) any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits, when assessed against the policies in this Framework taken as a whole; or
  - ii) specific policies in this Framework indicate development should be restricted.

49. Paragraph 47 of the NPPF requires Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) to maintain a five-year supply of deliverable sites (against housing requirements) thus boosting the supply of housing.
50. Paragraph 49 of the NPPF advises that housing applications should be considered in the context of the presumption in favour of sustainable development and relevant policies for the supply of housing should not be considered up-to-date if the LPA cannot demonstrate a five-year supply of deliverable housing sites. In turn where a five year supply of deliverable housing sites cannot be demonstrated then Paragraph 14 of the NPPF is engaged, and an application is to be assessed in this context.
51. However, Paragraph 14 of the NPPF is, irrespective of the position on housing land supply, relevant to this application as policies for the supply of housing within the DLP are out-of-date where outlined below.

#### *Five Year Housing Land Supply*

52. The NPPF states that housing applications should be considered in the context of a presumption in favour of sustainable development and that if the Council cannot demonstrate a five year housing land supply, then housing policies in a Local Plan cannot be considered up to date.
53. In June 2016 consultation was carried out on the County Durham Plan Issues and Options, which presented three alternative assessments of housing needs, each based on average net completions up to 2033 (the end of the proposed plan period), these being:
  - 1,533 dwellings per annum (29,127 houses by 2033)
  - 1,629 dwellings per annum (30,951 houses by 2033)
  - 1,717 dwellings per annum (32,623 houses by 2033)
54. As of April 2017 the Council considered that it had a deliverable supply of 10,234 (net) new dwellings for the next 5-year period. Set against the lowest need figure the Council took the position that it could demonstrate a supply of 4.91 years of deliverable housing land, against the middle figure around 4.51 years' worth supply and against the highest figure, 4.20 years of supply.
55. Whilst none of the three scenarios within the Issues and Options were publicly tested, they served to demonstrate that set against varying potential figures, the Council had a relatively substantial supply of housing at that time.
56. However, on 14 September 2017, the Government published a consultation document entitled "Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places". That consultation introduced a standard methodology for calculating housing need. Applying that methodology for County Durham, the housing need figure would be 1,368 dwellings per annum. On that basis, the Council would therefore be able to establish a supply of housing land in excess of 5 years.
57. Case law indicates that the boost to housing supply is a material planning consideration which should be factored into the planning balance test under Paragraph 14.
58. Taking this into consideration, it is the Council's view that the standardised methodology used for measuring the 5-year housing land supply results in 1,368 dwellings per annum for County Durham, the council can demonstrate a supply of housing land in excess of 5 years and the weight to be given to any benefits a housing proposal might have in terms of the boost to housing supply should reflect this.

59. Paragraph 14 of the NPPF is engaged because saved Policy 3 is a settlement boundary policy and the evidence which underpins it is out of date. As there are no restrictive policies of relevant, the application must therefore be, approved unless any adverse impacts of the proposal would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits. It is appropriate to carry out this balancing exercise after consideration of all other planning matters set out in this report.

### **Impact upon surrounding occupiers and character and appearance of the area**

60. Saved Policy 35 requires the design and layout of new development to reflect the scale and character of adjacent buildings and the area generally, particularly in terms of site coverage, height, roof style, detailed design and materials. Schemes should provide adequate open space, appropriate landscape features and screening (where required) and development should have no serious adverse impact on the amenity of people living and working in the vicinity of the development site and the existing use of adjacent land or buildings in terms of privacy, visual intrusion, noise, other pollutants and traffic generation.

61. In terms of the street scene it is considered that the scheme is of a good quality. All dwellings would be two storeys in height and all would have their own front and rear garden areas along with an appropriate level of parking spaces, additional visitor spaces would also be provide. The dwellings would be constructed from a mix of brick, render and concrete roof tiles which is considered appropriate in this location.

62. With regard to the impact on the amenity of existing residents who surround the site and that of those occupying the proposed new properties, the distancing standards as set out in the District of Easington Local Plan are adhered to in all instances. These standards state that a minimum of 21 metres between main elevations facing each other and 13 metres between main elevations and gables should be achieved in order to ensure there are no adverse impacts in terms of overlooking, loss of privacy, loss of light or overshadowing.

63. Overall, it is considered that the proposals would lead to a good quality housing scheme on what is currently a cleared site in a location close to the town centre. There would be little or no impact on nearby residents given the distances involved. Having regards to part 7 of the NPPF and the most applicable Policies of the District of Easington Local Plan officers raise no objections to the application having regards to the impact upon surrounding residents and character and appearance of the area.

### **Highways Issues**

64. Saved Policy 36 requires the design and layout of development to provide safe, attractive and convenient footpath and cycleway links between the housing and shopping facilities, schools, public transport facilities, leisure facilities and places of employment where appropriate.

65. Highways officers have requested and received amended plans as there were initially concerns regarding footpath widths and the location of visitor parking bays. Officers have commented that the revised plans are acceptable. The applicant has also shown 6 no. visitor car parking spaces for the 12 no. 3 bedroomed dwellings which complies with the minimum requirements outlined in the DCC Residential Car Parking Standards.

66. On the basis of the above, highways officers offer no objections to the proposals and it is therefore considered that with regard to highways issues that the proposals are in accordance with part 4 of the National Planning Policy Framework and saved Policies 36 and 37 of the District of Easington Local Plan.

## Section 106 contributions

67. Saved policy 66 of the District of Easington Local Plan states that developers will be required to make adequate provision for children's play space and outdoor recreation in relation to housing development of 10 or more dwellings. Provision may be secured elsewhere if it is inappropriate to make provision at the development site. On this basis the applicant has agreed to make a financial contribution of £23,310 towards the provision or improvement of offsite recreation in the electoral division in line with the requirements of the Councils Open Space Needs Assessment.
68. Secondly, the Local Planning Authority must also consider impacts on designated wildlife sites in the vicinity of the proposed development.
69. This application site is in close proximity to Durham Coast Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), and Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Natura 2000 site and the Northumbria Coast SSSI, Special Protection Area (SPA) and Ramsar site, all of which are designations of significant importance.
70. Under normal circumstances the applicant would provide a contribution toward the upgrading or provision of footpaths and walkways in the vicinity of the site in order to take pressure from additional visitors away from the coastal designations of significant importance. Given that the applicant is not in control and any suitable land nearby it has not been possible to achieve this. Therefore, the applicant has agreed to provide a financial contribution of £7907.76 in line with the Councils "Habitat Regulations Assessment: Developer Guidance and Requirements in County Durham" paper to be used toward a scheme to reduce the number of access points to Special Protection Areas as identified as action point 15 in the Durham Heritage Coast Partnership's Business Plan 2014/15 in order to directly off-set the impacts of the development on the coast, this contribution would also be secured through a S106 Agreement.

### Paragraph 14 balance

#### Benefits

71. The benefits of the scheme are the boost to housing supply which the proposed dwellings would provide, although the weight to be afforded to that boost is limited given the council's most recent position on 5 year housing land supply, the sustainable location of the development, the good quality of the scheme, and the positive economic impacts both in terms of the construction phase of the development and in the longer term economic activity of the occupiers.
72. Whilst the applicant intends to provide affordable housing on the site, there is no policy requirement for affordable housing to be delivered so the Council cannot require such provision. Accordingly, no weight can be afforded to the applicant's intention to build such affordable housing in the balancing exercise.

#### Adverse impacts

73. No adverse impacts arising from the proposed scheme have been identified

Applying the titled balance test in paragraph 14, it is not considered that there are any adverse impacts which significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits and therefore planning permission ought to be granted.

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## CONCLUSION

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74. The site is modest in scale and involves the redevelopment of a former housing site which is in close proximity to the town centre, the proposal is adjacent to established residential areas and there is a good range of facilities and services in the town to serve the development. The scheme is considered to be good quality and in a sustainable location with a suitable access and layout. Although the Council cannot insist on affordable housing as part of this application as it is below the threshold of 15 dwellings, the applicant is to provide 12 affordable houses which would be part of a 'rent to buy' scheme. It is compliant with all relevant saved local plan policy and in the context of paragraph 14, there are no adverse impacts that would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits and is therefore recommended for approval.

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## RECOMMENDATION

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That the application be **APPROVED** subject to the following conditions and subject to the completion of a Section 106 legal agreement to secure the provision of:

- i. £7907.76 contribution toward the scheme to reduce the number of access points to Special Protection Areas as identified as action point 15 in the Durham Heritage Coast Partnership's Business Plan 2014/15.
- ii. £24,310 contribution toward enhancement or provision of play facilities in the Peterlee East Electoral Division.

1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.

*Reason: Required to be imposed pursuant to Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.*

2. The development hereby approved shall be carried out only in accordance with the approved plans and specifications contained within:

Topographical Survey 1258200 Rev B  
Site Location Plan 2953-17-005  
Site Layout 2953-17-002 Rev E  
GA Plans and Elevations, Plots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 2953-17-021 Rev A  
GA Plans and Elevations, Plots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 2953-17-022 Rev A  
Boundary Treatment Plan 1:500 @ A3 2953-17-025  
Street Scene coloured 1:200 @ A3 2953-17-050 Rev A

*Reason: To meet the objectives of saved Policies 1, 35 and 36 of the Easington District Local Plan and parts 1 and 4 of the NPPF.*

3. The development hereby approved shall be carried out in full accordance with all recommendations within the Surface water Drainage Strategy - August 2017 - Rev A and Drainage arrangement – DRNG No. C-GA-003 Rev P2.

*Reason: To prevent the increased risk of flooding from any sources in accordance with part 10 of the NPPF.*

4. No development shall commence until a detailed scheme for tree protection has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme and in accordance with BS 5837 2012.

*Reason: In the interests of the appearance of the area and to comply with part 7 of the National Planning Policy Framework.*

5. No development shall commence until a landscaping scheme has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The scheme shall identify those trees/hedges/shrubs scheduled for retention and removal; shall provide details of new and replacement trees/hedges/shrubs; detail works to existing trees; and provide details of protective measures during construction period. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details. All planting, seeding or turfing and habitat creation in the approved details of the landscaping scheme shall be carried out in the first available planting season following the practical completion of the development. No tree shall be felled or hedge removed until the removal/felling is shown to comply with legislation protecting nesting birds and roosting bats. Any approved replacement tree or hedge planting shall be carried out within 12 months of felling and removals of existing trees and hedges. Any trees or plants which die, fail to flourish or are removed within a period of 5 years from the substantial completion of the development shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species. Replacements will be subject to the same conditions.

*Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and in accordance with saved Policies 1 and 35 of the District of Easington Local Plan.*

6. Prior to the commencement of any part of the development or any works of demolition, hereby permitted, a Construction Management Plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The Construction Management Plan shall include as a minimum but not necessarily be restricted to the following:

A Dust Action Plan including measures to control the emission of dust and dirt during construction

Details of methods and means of noise reduction

Where construction involves penetrative piling, details of methods for piling of foundations including measures to suppress any associated noise and vibration.

Details of measures to prevent mud and other such material migrating onto the highway from all vehicles entering and leaving the site;

Designation, layout and design of construction access and egress points;

Details for the provision of directional signage (on and off site);

Details of contractors' compounds, materials storage and other storage arrangements, including cranes and plant, equipment and related temporary infrastructure;

Details of provision for all site operatives for the loading and unloading of plant, machinery and materials

Details of provision for all site operatives, including visitors and construction vehicles for parking and turning within the site during the construction period;

Routing agreements for construction traffic.

Details of the erection and maintenance of security hoarding including decorative displays and facilities for public viewing, where appropriate;

Waste audit and scheme for waste minimisation and recycling/disposing of waste resulting from demolition and construction works.

Detail of measures for liaison with the local community and procedures to deal with any complaints received.

The management strategy shall have regard to BS 5228 "Noise and Vibration Control on Construction and Open Sites" during the planning and implementation of site activities and operations.

The approved Construction Management Plan shall also be adhered to throughout the construction period and the approved measures shall be retained for the duration of the construction works.

*Reason: In the interests of residential amenity and to accord with policy 1 and 35 of the District of Easington Local Plan.*

7. The development hereby permitted shall not commence until a pre-commencement scheme to deal with contamination has been submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. The full scheme, both pre-commencement and completion shall include the following, unless the Local Planning Authority confirms in writing that any part of sub-sections a, b, c or d are not required.

Throughout both the pre-commencement and completion phases of the development all documents submitted relating to Phases 2 to 4 as detailed below shall be carried out by competent person(s) and shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

#### Pre-Commencement

- (a) A Phase 2 Site Investigation and Risk Assessment is required to fully and effectively characterise the nature and extent of any land and/or groundwater contamination and its implications. Prior to the Phase 2 a Sampling and Analysis Plan is required.
- (b) If the Phase 2 identifies any unacceptable risks, a Phase 3 Remediation Strategy detailing the proposed remediation and verification works is required. If gas protection measures are required a verification plan is required detailing the gas protection measures to be installed, the inspection regime and where necessary integrity testing programme. The installation of the gas membrane should be carried out by an appropriately qualified workforce and the verification of the installation should be carried out by an appropriately competent, experience and suitably trained person(s) (preferably independent to the installer) to ensure mitigation of the risk to the buildings and the people who occupy them. No alterations to the remediation proposals shall be carried out without the prior written agreement of the Local Planning Authority.

## Completion

- (c) During the implementation of the remedial works (if required) and/or development if any contamination is identified that has not been identified pre-commencement, it must be reported in writing immediately to the Local Planning Authority. An investigation and risk assessment shall be carried out in accordance with part b of the condition and where necessary a Phase 3 Remediation Strategy shall be prepared in accordance with part c of the condition. The development shall be completed in accordance with any amended specification of works.
- (d) Upon completion of the remedial works (if required), a Phase 4 Verification Report (Validation Report) confirming the objectives, methods, results and effectiveness of all remediation works detailed in the Phase 3 Remediation Strategy shall be submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority within 2 months of completion of the development. If integrity testing of the membrane(s) was required a verification pro forma should be included.

*Reason: The site may be contaminated as a result of past or current uses and/or is within 250m of a site which has been landfilled and the Local Planning Authority wishes to ensure that risks from land contamination to the future users of the land and neighbouring land are minimised, together with those to controlled waters, property and ecological systems in accordance with NPPF Part 11.*

- 8. Notwithstanding any details of materials submitted with the application no development shall commence until details of the external walling, roofing materials and hard surfacing have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Thereafter the development shall be constructed in accordance with the approved details.

*Reason: In the interests of the appearance of the area and to comply with saved Policies 1 and 35 of the Easington District Local Plan and part 11 of the NPPF.*

- 9. No external construction works, works of demolition, deliveries, external running of plant and equipment shall take place other than between the hours of 0730 to 1800 on Monday to Friday and 0800 to 1400 on Saturday.

No internal works audible outside the site boundary shall take place on the site other than between the hours of 0730 to 1800 on Monday to Friday and 0800 to 1700 on Saturday.

No construction works or works of demolition whatsoever, including deliveries, external running of plant and equipment, internal works whether audible or not outside the site boundary, shall take place on Sundays, Public or Bank Holidays

For the purposes of this condition, construction works are defined as: The carrying out of any building, civil engineering or engineering construction work involving the use of plant and machinery including hand tools.

*Reason: In the interests of the appearance of the area and to comply with saved Policies 1 and 35 of the Easington District Local Plan and part 11 of the NPPF.*

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## **STATEMENT OF PROACTIVE ENGAGEMENT**

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The Local Planning Authority in arriving at its decision to approve the application has, without prejudice to a fair and objective assessment of the proposals, issues raised and representations received, sought to work with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner with the objective of delivering high quality sustainable development to improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area in accordance with the NPPF. (Statement in accordance with Article 35(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015)

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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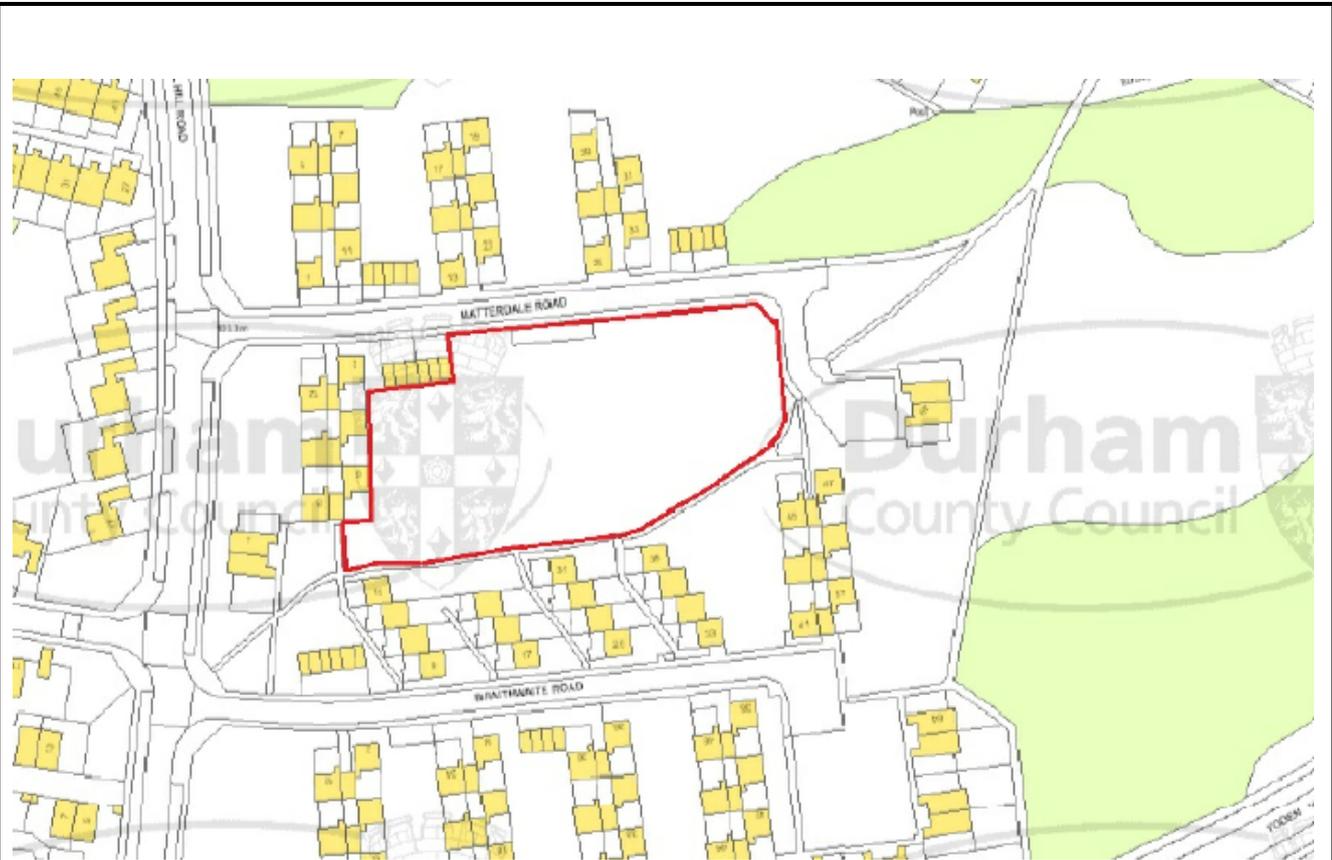
Submitted application form, plans supporting documents and subsequent information provided by the applicant.

The National Planning Policy Framework (2012)

National Planning Practice Guidance Notes

Statutory, internal and public consultation responses

District of Easington Local Plan



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